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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Through: Chief, Personnel Services Division, The Joint Staff

Subject: Charter Renewal for the USSTRATCOM Strategic Advisory Group

1. Reference DoD Instruction 5105.04, DoD Federal Advisory Committee Management Program, dated August 6, 2007.

2. Enclosed is the updated charter for the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Strategic Advisory Group (SAG). Per DoDI 5105.04, para E3.4.6., the following information is provided as justification to continue the USSTRATCOM SAG.

a. The USSTRATCOM SAG continues to fulfill its intended purpose by providing timely advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, USSTRATCOM (CDR USSTRATCOM) concerning the development and implementation of the Nation's strategic war plans. Also, the SAG provides advice and expert views to enhance USSTRATCOM planning in mission area responsibilities.

b. The work of the SAG is currently centered around ensuring our confidence in the safety, reliability, and performance of nuclear weapons as the declining stockpile inventory ages, monitoring the progress of the Stockpile Stewardship Program, the relevance of deterrence in the new world order, the continued downsizing of nuclear forces, the role of non-nuclear weapons in the strategic planning process, and general arms control options for enhanced stability. Current SAG investigations, in support of CDR USSTRATCOM, include:

- (1) impact of policy changes on the ability of the Command's plans to satisfy national security objectives;
- (2) impact of strategic nuclear reductions on the ability of the U.S. strategic force structure and modernization program to support the strategic war plans;
- (3) Nation's nuclear stockpile to include a report on safety, security, and reliability;
- (4) use of new procedures and techniques to reduce the vulnerability of U.S. weapon systems and improve penetration of enemy defenses;
- (5) exploitation of nuclear weapon effects to optimize the employment of U.S. offensive weapons;

(6) incorporation and application of new systems or capabilities to enhance the attainment of national security objectives;

(7) development of new tools to facilitate deliberate and adaptive planning in response to force structure, threat, or guidance changes;

(8) space operations employment;

(9) missile defense integration;

(10) information operations / cyber issues; and,

(11) employment of intelligence capabilities, activities, and functions.

The prospects for regional conflict and the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) now dominate strategic thinking. Planners must be able to cope with more diversified and spontaneous threats while simultaneously pursuing mutual stability and the safety, security, and reliability of nuclear weapons. The SAG is a crucial and integral aspect of USSTRATCOM's ability to make substantive contributions to national security unconstrained by a bi-polar balance of power.

c. SAG membership consists of nationally prominent academicians, industrialists, statesmen, scientists, analysts, and government officials who provide a variety of views from the leadership of the Nation's industrial, technological, and military sectors. Candidates are carefully selected for membership to ensure they represent those segments of the scientific, technical, or defense community in which they work. This balanced cross section of civilian corporate and government members affords CDR USSTRATCOM multiple and divergent points of view on issues affecting strategic planning. The unique perspectives and corporate expertise represented in the SAG are not available within USSTRATCOM, DoD agencies, or other federal advisory committees.

d. Fiscal Year (FY) 09 costs totaled \$631,699 (\$419,091 in USSTRATCOM personnel salary payments, \$155,185 in SAG member travel and per diem, \$49,423 in USSTRATCOM personnel travel and per diem, and \$8,000 in miscellaneous costs for SAG meeting support). Estimated costs for FY 10 are approximately \$656,543. The FY 10 cost increase is due to the anticipated increase for SAG member travel reimbursements related directly to support an expanded schedule involving stockpile stewardship, vulnerability and hardening of strategic systems, cyber issues, and other issues affecting USSTRATCOM mission planning. The costs associated with this group are nominal compared to the contributions made to our national security programs. Members devote their time and expertise, without benefit of tangible reimbursement, beyond the legally allowable payment of travel and per diem expenses. Most members do not routinely request reimbursement for these entitled expenses.

3. The SAG represents an important link between CDR USSTRATCOM and both the civilian and government scientific and technical communities and is an invaluable advisor on technical and policy-related issues having a direct impact on the development of the Nation's strategic war plan. Their contributions make a significant, positive influence on our strategic posture and enhance the Nation's security and that of the world; therefore, it is in the public interest to continue the committee.



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USSTRATCOM Strategic Advisory Group

CHARTER

UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP

A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the United States Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group (hereafter referred to as the Group).

B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Group, under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), shall provide the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, independent advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related matters of interest to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the U.S. Strategic Command. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or designated representative may act upon the Group's advice and recommendations.

C. Group Membership: The Group shall be composed of not more than 50 members who are eminent authorities in the fields of strategic policy formulation, nuclear weapon design and effects, weapon system capabilities and vulnerabilities, space operations, missile defense, national command, control, communications, intelligence and information operations, or other important aspects of the Nation's strategic forces. Group Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and their appointments shall be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. Group members shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.

The Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command shall select the Group's Chairperson from the total Group membership. In addition, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Group, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Group on an ad hoc basis.

D. Group Meetings: The Group shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the estimated number of Group meetings is two per year.

The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all committee and subcommittee meetings.

The Group shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Committee, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Group for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the Chartered Group nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any federal officers or employees who are not Group members.

E. Duration of the Group: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.

F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the U.S. Strategic Command, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended.

G. Termination Date: The Group shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this Charter is filed, whichever is sooner or unless the Secretary of Defense extends it.

H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Group is \$650,000.00. The estimated annual personnel costs to the Department of Defense are 6.4 full-time equivalents (FTEs).

I. Recordkeeping: The records of the Group and its subcommittees shall be handled according to Section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).

I. Charter Filed: